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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer of local broadband internet service, I am writing to ask that you stop the competition cut off and protect small, local internet providers.

In the past, I have had internet service through Direcway (satellite) then CenturyLink (phone line) and became very dissatisfied with both services. The price paid for the internet service was not value for my dollar and I paid a premium for mediocre and unreliable internet speed in each case.

When the trunk line for a local internet provider was placed close enough for me to connect, I jumped at the chance and gladly paid the cost of laying a fiber optic cable to my home so I could benefit from the highest speed internet available at the time in this rural part of Rockbridge County, Virginia.

My internet provider is Rockbridge Global Village and the cost of internet service has not increased AT ALL since I joined in 2013. I also receive telephone service through this provider. I am very satisfied with this service and I ask that you protect my right to have access without worry of unfair rate increases.

I am also a small business owner working from home and access to high speed internet is essential for the success and growth of my business. I literally cannot do business without it!

With regard,

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